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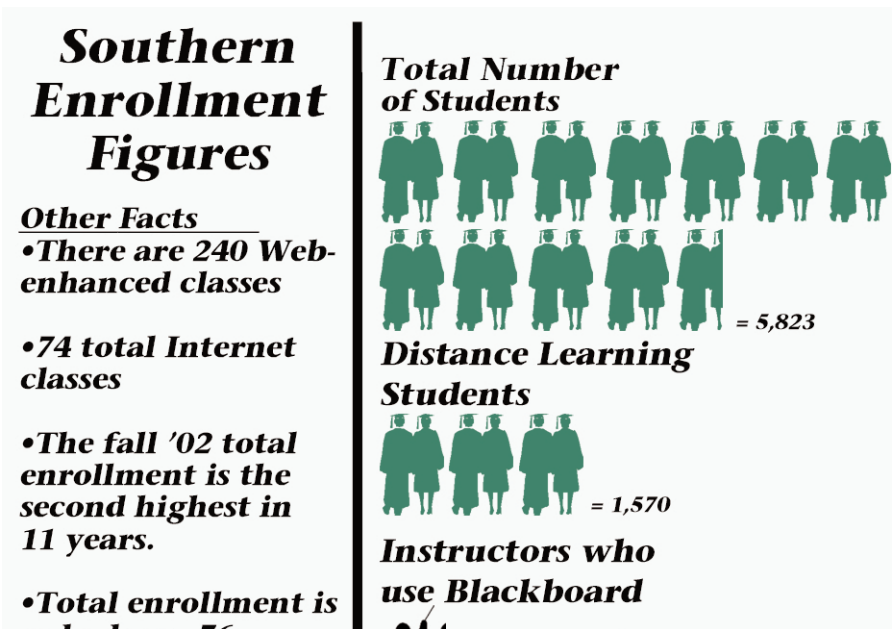
Enrollment figures receive positive reactions


Southern Enrollment Figures
Other Facts
•There are 240 Web-enhanced classes
•74 total Internet classes
•The fall '02 total enrollment is the second highest in 11 years.
•Total enrollment is only down 76 students from fall '01.
Total Number of Students
= 5,823
Distance Learning Students
= 1,570
Instructors who use Blackboard
= 114
= 500 Southern Students
= 100 Southern Instructors

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

The statistics are in, and Missouri Southern's doing better than expected.

Despite the tuition increase, student enrollment at Southern decreased little since last year.

"It confirms to us that people see first, the value in a college education, and secondly, the advantage of going to a four-year institution," said Dr. Delores Honey, assistant vice president for assessment and institutional research.

Total enrollment for the fall 2002 semester is 5,823, only 76 less than last year. Fall 2001 had a record enrollment for the past decade at 5,899. This year's enrollment is the second highest in 11 years.

The full-time equivalency figure includes enrollment of full-time students only. The FTE deficit is only 45 less than last year.

"To say we're pleased with that is an understatement," Honey said. "We're extremely pleased with that even with the economy as bad as it is."

Erina Parks, senior theatre major, said she expected enrollment to decrease because of the tuition raise and was surprised that it did not. She said people continue to come to Southern, despite the money problems, because it is a good college.

"People would rather pay that extra amount because they get their dollar's worth," she said.

Figures in the distance learning program were also positive. Of all the distance learning classes (courses with 7,000 line numbers), 1,570 unduplicated students are enrolled in some form of television or Internet course. This does not include classes that use Blackboard. Unduplicated means that no matter how many or what courses students take, they are only counted once.

Of the duplicated students, 2,100 are enrolled in television or Internet courses. Duplicated means if a student takes regular and distance learning classes, they are counted twice.

"This is a way students can work one or two additional courses into their busy schedule," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, vice president for lifelong learning. "The beauty of the Internet is they don't have to be at a certain place at a certain time."

This semester, Southern is offering 74 Internet classes, as well as 240 Web-enhanced classes, which means they use Blackboard. Currently, 114 instructors use Blackboard in their class-

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Colleges, universities meet at Trustee's Forum to make 'investment on our future'

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

Representatives from all corners of Missouri Southern represented the campus last week at the Missouri Public College and University Trustee Forum in Jefferson City.

The Sept. 12 forum brought representatives together from two-year community colleges, four-year colleges and four-year universities throughout the state to discuss their concerns about the withholdings higher education institutions are facing.

Dr. Julio León
College President

Last year, more than $80 million was slashed from the state's higher education budget.

Attending the hour-long forum was College President Julio León; Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs; Board of Regents members; faculty representatives; and members of the Southern Student Senate.

"We wanted to highlight the priority of higher education," León said.

Two-year and four-year institutions each had a representative at the forum to discuss financial woes. Although León did not speak, he said the College was well represented by all who attended the meeting.

"It showed unity," León said.

In a packed room, representatives presented resolutions for legislatures and the governor to help find a way to solve both parties' financial problems.

"We wanted to talk about the difficulty of working under these circumstances," León said.

Helping represent Southern students was Zack Odem, Senate president. Like León, Odem thought the meeting in the capital city was worth the trip.

"The meeting was productive," Odem said. "This really helped keep the doors open."

Although the information wasn't anything they didn't already know, Odem took the opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas with fellow student representatives from other Missouri schools.

"It was impressive," said Odem, who talked to students from Central Missouri State University and the University of Missouri in Kansas City. "We talked about how to get involved."

What impressed Odem most was the Southern administrators' invitation to attend the meeting.

"We want to thank the administration," he said. "Not all of the schools brought students."

Odem stressed if there is one thing students can do, it's stay informed with the College's financial woes.

He wants students to voice any concerns they may have.

"Anything that can help Southern out," Odem said.

León said he hopes this type of financial gathering of all Missouri college representatives can become an annual event.

"We can understand what other colleges are going through," he said. "This is an investment on our future."

MICROSCOPE MATTERS

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Michelle Chaney, junior physical therapy major, studies a microscope slide for the first laboratory test in Botanical Survey. Some students claim it is one of the toughest classes.

León introduces Regents to problems in state budget structure

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

It wasn't exactly a happy meeting for the Board of Regents Sept. 18.

College President Julio León showed a video to the Regents featuring James R. Moody, the former Missouri budget director during Gov. John Ashcroft's administration.

Moody spoke of the "grim" budgetary outlook for the state.

"We will continue to have tough times ahead, at least for a while," León said.

According to Moody, of Missouri's $19 billion budget, only $7 billion constitutes revenues. Of the revenues, $2 billion is left for discretionary spending, and higher education receives half.

In 2000, Missouri went below the revenue limit set by the Hancock Amendment in 1982, and the state did not compensate by reducing spending.

Moody said in the future, Missouri will be at least $1 billion below the limit and could possibly end up with negative budgets.

Moody said four factors are contributing to the state's budget problems: the large allotment of money to elementary and secondary education; the large number of people on Medicaid; the prison population growth; and tax credits, which are treated as entitlements. He calls them the "four-headed monster."

Moody believes in order to alleviate the budget problems, voters must approve tax raises, and Missouri will have to experience one year of "unbelievable pain where no one gets anything."

Moody also said when it comes to cuts, "the bullseye is on [higher education's] back."

"We are an easy target because the policy makers know we have the ability to turn around and charge someone else," León said.

He does not want to make more tuition raises, but said the Board is "going to have to make some difficult decisions in the next two or three years."

"Needless to say, it's going to be a pretty bleak year, this year, next year, and maybe the years to come," said Glenn Wilson, Board president.

In regard to the budget crisis, the Regents discussed the Sept. 12 Trustee's Forum in Jefferson City.

"We don't know exactly what the results of last week's Trustee's Forum

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK

SATURDAY
Rain
High: 77
Low: 62

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 75
Low: 53

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ACP rewards *The Chart*

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

Missouri Southern's newspaper, *The Chart*, received one of the most prestigious awards possible in collegiate journalism.

The Associated College Press recently selected *The Chart* as a Pacemaker Finalist for the 2001-2002 year. Since 1927, the Pacemaker has been the highest honor the ACP awards its members.

The Chart and 33 other publications were selected from 190 entries.

"When you see who some of the other Pacemaker finalists are, you realize how significant the award is," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, *The Chart* adviser. "*The Chart* is in such pretty fast company, including Harvard, Tulane, Auburn and Vanderbilt."

Other notable candidates include University of Texas, Northwestern University, California State University and Southern Illinois University. A complete list of finalists is available at www.studentpress.org/acp.

J.R. Ledford, *The Chart's* 2001-2002 editor-in-chief, now attends graduate school at SIU, and said Missouri Southern deserves this award.

"How did we find ourselves among such a group of institutions? We didn't," he said. "The list found us. It was the hard work of the staff that got the ACP's attention. *The Chart* is a fine newspaper. We out-hustle almost every college newspaper in the nation, and we do it with journalistic excellence."

Stebbins said he remembers when *The Chart* was awarded its first Pacemaker Finalist 20 years ago. He said it was exciting. *The Chart* received the National Newspaper Pacemaker Award in 1997 for the 1996-97 year.

"While you think you may be doing a good job, it's gratifying when outside judges rank your newspaper as one of the very best in the nation," Stebbins said.

Ledford said it is *The Chart* staff's hard work which earns such awards.

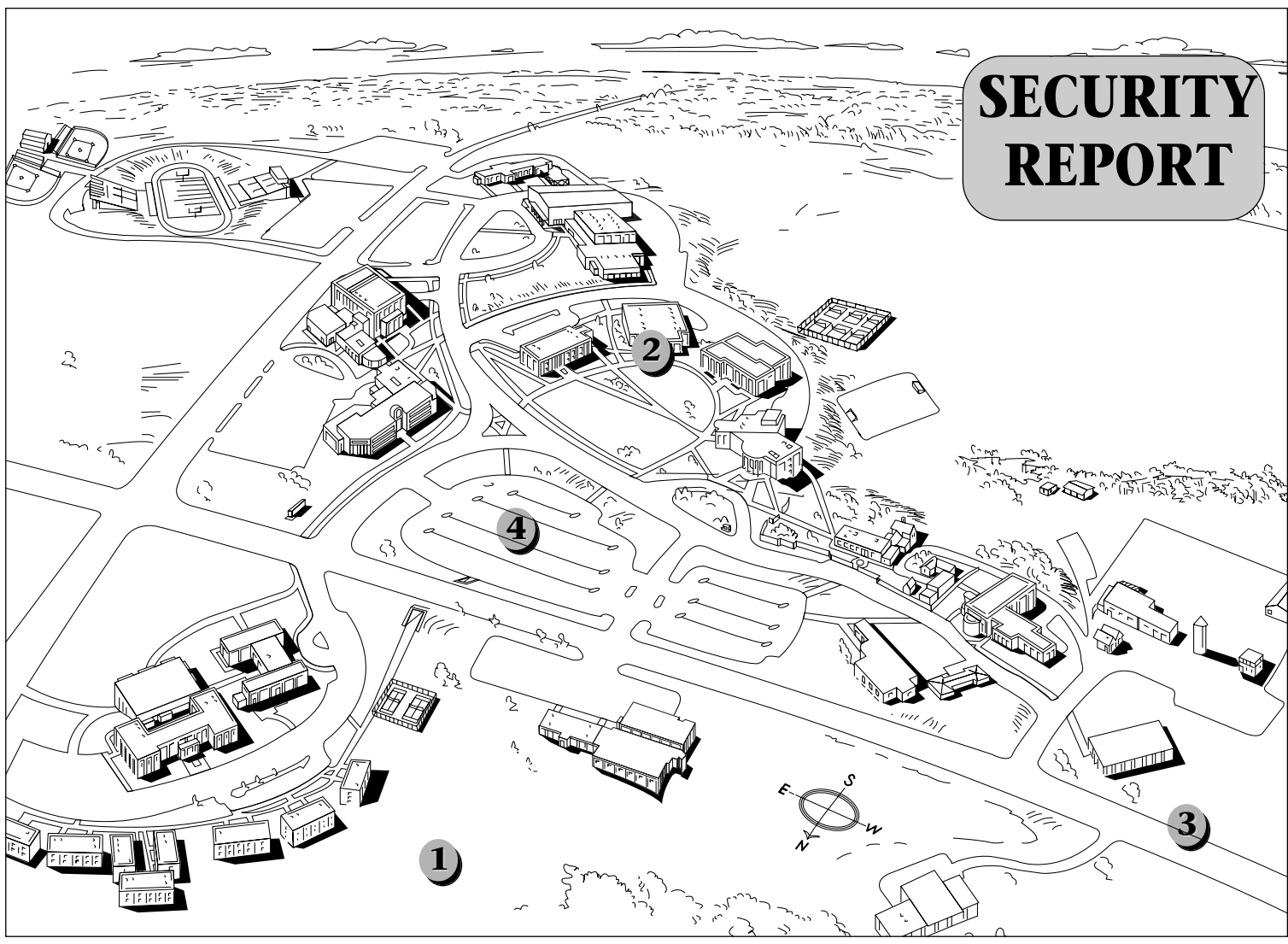
"Many people don't realize the amount of time and effort put into each issue," he said. "It is demanding work. But also, it is an honor to practice journalism and have the opportunity to share information with the public. To receive recognition for the work we as a staff put forth is very rewarding. It even helps make up for all those sleepless nights spent in the office."

Jerry Manter, managing editor, and Andy Tevis, director of photography, transferred to Southern from North Idaho College this fall. Their former publication, *The Sentinel*, also received Pacemaker Finalist status for the 2001-2002 year.

The ACP selected the Pacemaker finalists based on six criteria including coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, leadership on the opinion page, evidence of in-depth reporting, layout/design and photography, art and graphics.

All finalists will be honored Nov. 2 at the ACP/National College Media Convention awards ceremony in Orlando. Winners will also be announced.

"*The Chart* and the College should be proud," Ledford said. "It's great recognition for the green and gold."



Student forgets no-cell phone policy in library

1 Personal Injury

9/11/2002

5:30 p.m.

On Sept. 11, security was notified about a student who attempted to overdose on over-the-counter medication.

An individual who was at Freeman Health System with the student asked security to search the student's room.

It was later confirmed the student had taken several over-the-counter medications.

The student was admitted to Freeman.

2 Cell Phone Use

9/12/2002

10:45 a.m.

Security was called to the library on Sept. 12 about a student using a cell phone.

The student had been warned before about the use of cell phones in the library. The librarian had been advised earlier to call security if the student came to the library and used his cell phone.

Security asked the student if he had used his cell phone, but he denied it. He later admitted to it. Security also asked him his name. They suspected that he had not given them his real name. His real name was later confirmed.

3 Harassment

9/12/2002

4 p.m.

An instructor reported to security Sept. 12 that one of her students was being stalked by a fellow student.

Apparently, a male student asked a female student out on a date. She refused his request, and the male began following the female after a Sept. 10 class. The male student followed the female from campus to a drive-in bank on Maiden Lane. She sped off and lost him in traffic.

Security advised the student to report all incidents and possibly look into a restraining order.

4 Personal Injury

9/13 /2002

11:44 a.m.

Security was notified to help a student who had fallen from her wheelchair Sept. 13.

The student's sleeve became tangled with the on switch and the forward motion lever causing the chair to move suddenly. The motion caused her to fall out of the chair.

Several bystanders helped the student get back in her chair.

The student received a cut on her right knee and severe bruising on both knees and hands.

The student refused medical treatment from security.

Senators amend money guidelines

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

Procedures for the Student Senate allocation of funds have been changed this year, Andrew McGowan, treasurer, announced at the body's first meeting Sept. 18.

Allocations for campus organizations this year will be limited to $100 per student, not to exceed $1,000.

Last year, $1,000 was the maximum amount allocated per organization, regardless of the number of students participating.

McGowan said he changed the guideline in order the stretch the Senate's money longer into the semester, and to make allocations fairer for all organizations.

"We've talked about doing this for quite a while, but we didn't put it on the books until this summer," said McGowan, who served on the finance committee last year. "We have had five or six clubs already turning in applications requests 9-10 thousand (dollars)."

Zach Odem, president, said the Senate has $17,000 available for total allocation this semester — the same amount as last year. Traditionally, the Senate is given an extra $8,000 for allocations in January.

Odem said he hopes to expand the Senate's mission this year. He said his goal is to sponsor activities increasing "campus pride and involvement," as well as community service.

"In the past, our main focus has been the allocation of funds," he said. "That's still going to be a big part of what we do, but we're going to try to do more things to promote Missouri Southern."

The Senate meets 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the House of Lords Room on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

CORRECTION:
In the Sept. 13 issue of *The Chart*, Dr. Barbara Box, director of nursing, was mistakenly identified as Dr. Dorothy Box.

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Joplin's 7-Day Forecast

Friday — Sunny — High: 84 Low: 57
Saturday — Rain — High: 77 Low: 62
Sunday — Partly Cloudy — High: 75 Low: 53
Monday — Partly Cloudy — High: 80 Low: 58
Tuesday — Partly Cloudy — High: 83 Low: 61
Wednesday — Partly Cloudy — High: 85 Low: 63
Thursday — Partly Cloudy — High: 86 Low: 62

Weather History

Sept. 19, 1947 - The eye of a hurricane passed over New Orleans and the barometric pressure dipped to 28.61 inches. The hurricane killed 51 people and caused 110 million dollars in damage. It produced wind gusts to 155 mph at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. two days earlier.

Joplin's Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Monday	93	64	83/61	0.00"
Tuesday	94	63	83/61	0.00"
Wednesday	84	64	82/61	0.00"
Thursday	87	58	82/61	0.00"
Friday	92	65	82/60	0.08"
Saturday	75	66	81/60	0.09"
Sunday	77	61	81/59	0.04"

Precipitation for the week .....0.21"
Normal precipitation for the week .....1.26"
Departure from normal for the week ..-1.05"
Precipitation for the year .....35.10"
Normal precipitation year to date .....32.51"
Departure from normal for the year ..+2.59"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

Campus Recreational Forecast

High pressure will be in control across the region today, providing sunny skies. An area of low pressure with an associated cold front will make its way through the vicinity Saturday. This system will produce a 60 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms under mostly cloudy skies. An area of high pressure should regain control of the weather across the campus Sunday into next week, generating pleasant weather conditions. High temperatures will top out in the 70s and 80s. Low temperatures will drop into the 50s and lower 60s.

Joplin's Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Full 9/21 — New 10/6 — Last 9/29 — First 10/13

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:03 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	7:21 p.m.	6:01 a.m.
Sat	7:04 a.m.	7:16 p.m.	7:46 p.m.	6:59 a.m.
Sun	7:05 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	8:10 p.m.	7:55 a.m.
Mon	7:05 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	8:34 p.m.	8:52 a.m.
Tue	7:06 a.m.	7:12 p.m.	8:59 p.m.	9:48 a.m.
Wed	7:07 a.m.	7:10 p.m.	9:28 p.m.	10:46 a.m.
Thu	7:08 a.m.	7:08 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	11:45 a.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

A cold front will charge through the eastern United States to end this week. This front will generate a likely chance of showers and thunderstorms from the Great Lakes region into the New England states. The southeastern United States will need to be on the lookout for possible tropical development as we move into this weekend. A likely chance of showers and thunderstorms are forecast across Florida. An area of low pressure will get organized across the Great Plains as we begin next week. This system will accelerate and move into the Midwest and the Great Lakes states. A band of showers and thunderstorms will be produced along with windy conditions. A strong area of low pressure will create widespread precipitation across the Rocky Mountain states under cloudy skies as we end next week.

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Weather Trivia

A F-1 tornado has wind speeds of? ?

Answer: 73 to 112 mph.

Tanning Index Today

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UV Index Scale
0-2: Minimal Exposure
3-4: Low Exposure
5-6: Moderate Exposure
7-9: High Exposure
10+: Very High Exposure

Local Precipitation Log

Month	2002	2001	Normal
Jan	3.09	3.44	1.74
Feb	0.72	4.66	2.12
Mar	2.65	0.81	3.10
Apr	4.10	2.26	4.10
May	13.60	5.78	4.96
Jun	4.71	6.37	5.07
Jul	4.87	3.73	3.73
Aug	1.14	1.05	3.58
Sep	0.22	2.98	4.97
Oct	------	6.44	3.50
Nov	------	3.99	3.18
Dec	------	3.52	2.54
Total	**35.10**	**45.03**	**42.59**

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Sarah Smalley, freshman elementary education major, works with third grade students at Eugene Field Elementary in Webb City as part of the America Reads Program.

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Program encourages young readers

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

Area kindergarten through third-grade students are getting hands-on help with their reading because of Missouri Southern's America Reads program.

Former president Bill Clinton enacted the federal program, which is run through the student employment department, in 1994. However, Southern did not begin the program until 1999.

The student employment department allocates 5 percent of its community service budget toward reading tutoring for elementary students in the Joplin, Carl Junction and Webb City school districts. Seven percent of the College's student employment budget is used for community service.

"I think this is definitely a good program to help the community," said Linda Sadler, student employment coordinator.

"I know it helps the College students, and it helps the elementary students learn basic reading skills."

Becky Gallemore, principal at McKinley Elementary School in Joplin, said she agrees.

"I think it's an exceptional program," she said. "It definitely helps the teachers with an extra set of hands. It's been a very successful venture on our part.

"The (Southern) students give the children another opportunity for a one-on-one relationship with an adult. It makes them happy, and they always look forward to the program."

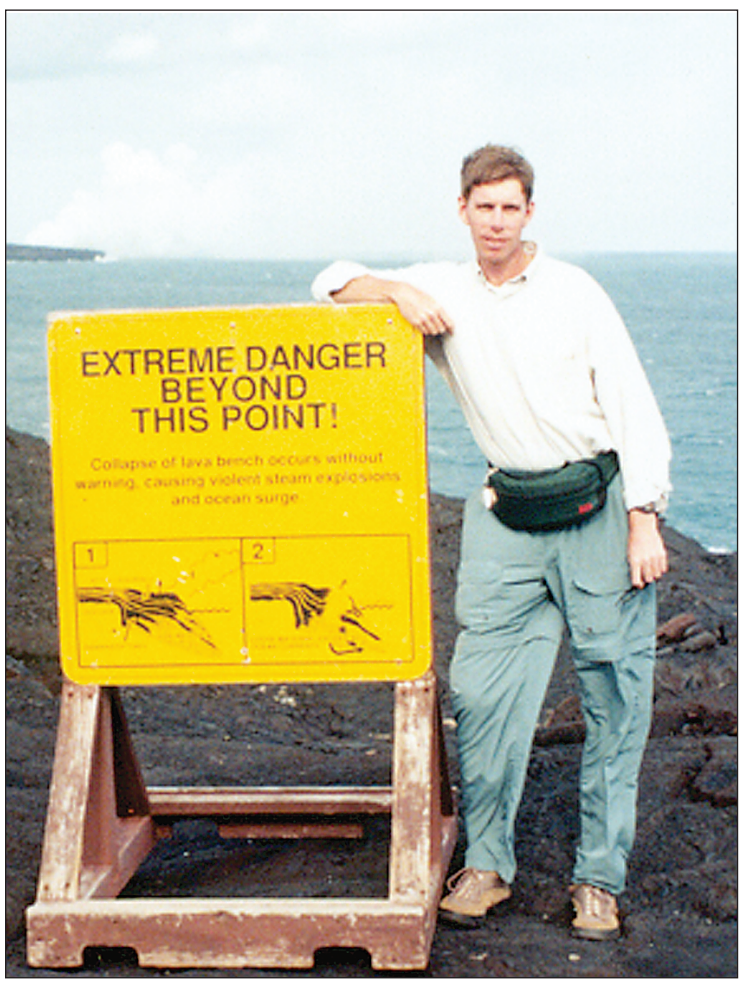
Kim Boessen, senior physical education major, is this year's America Reads coordinator. She had previous experience with the program as a freshman at Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph.

"The best thing you can do in education is gather experience," she said. "To see the kids accomplish something — that's very, very rewarding."

Albert Romero, freshman secondary education major, is in his first year with the program. He said he also finds the work to be rewarding.

"It's very cool to sit there and see a kid struggle with a word, and then read the book straight through the next couple of times," Romero said. "It's an indescribable feeling."

Other Southern students participating in the program are as follows: Esther Bard, Elizabeth Buchholz, Ryan Budd, Krista Cupp, Monica Eaton, Matthew Elliot, Melissa Fisher, Carrie Hardesty, Shannon Moller, Reaka Peters, Jeff Reed, Patty Richardson, Robin Rosado, Lilliana Sanchez, Rachel Schnelle, Sarah Smalley, Randi Jo Stoddard, Lindsey Warden and Dalanne Wilson.



Special to The Chart

Charles Fahrer, assistant professor of geography at Southern, stands on top of a volcano on Kilaeua, Hawaii.

Geography returns to class

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

A Missouri Southern professor is on a mission to put geography back on the map.

Dr. Charles Fahrer was recently hired as an assistant professor of geography on a one-year basis. A North Carolina native, Fahrer, 47, said he tries to make his classes as interesting as possible.

"I try to be theatrical when I'm teaching," he said. "In many cases, the students don't know where I'm coming from. I don't want to be boring, so I may raise my voice suddenly, move back and forth, or do something to grab the students' attention."

So far this semester, Fahrer has received positive feedback about his job performance. Dr. Richard Miller, head of the social science department, said Fahrer brings a sense of excitement to the classroom.

"I think part of his success so far has been his enthusiasm for his work," Miller said. "I've heard a lot of positive feedback from the students, and I think he's enjoying it."

Many of his students, however, said theatrics are not the only thing Fahrer brings to his courses.

"I think his class is very understandable," said Talison Davies, sophomore Spanish major. "He's very thorough, and his class is an excellent tool for learning geography."

Fahrer began his work in geography during a career in the Army from 1979-2000, when he was assigned the duty of area studies using a geographical approach.

"I became a geographer without knowing it," he said.

The Army also requested Fahrer to learn and teach a foreign language to other officers. Given the choice between Russian and Arabic, Fahrer chose Arabic.

"After I learned Arabic, the Army stationed me in Kentucky," he said. "You know what? Not a lot of people speak Arabic in Kentucky."

Ironically, Fahrer's wife, Nina, whom he married on Christmas day 1999, is a native of Russia. He met Nina while traveling abroad a previous summer.

Fahrer graduated from North Carolina State University in Raleigh in 1977. He later earned his master's degree in geography from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., and his Ph.D. in geography from South Carolina University in Columbia.

"When I got out of the Army, I thought about going to graduate school," he said. "One day, I'm looking through the catalog, and I turned to the geography page, and there was everything I was wanting to study."

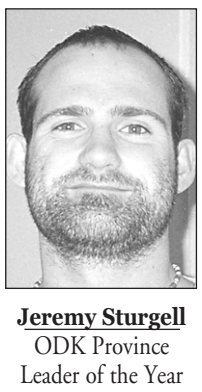
Fahrer said he thinks America has become lax in the teaching of geography.

Student receives national ODK leadership award

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

No one is too busy to accept a national award.

The national leadership society, Omicron Delta Kappa, recently named Jeremy Sturgell, senior biology/chemistry major, Province Leader of the Year.



Jeremy Sturgell
ODK Province Leader of the Year

Throughout the country, 16 ODK provinces exist. Missouri Southern is included in province 14, which consists of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Sturgell is the first Southern student to receive the award. Each member institution of ODK selects a circle leader who is then automatically up for province leader.

"I know the caliber of people in ODK, so it's a pretty prestigious award," Sturgell said. "I thought I had a shot, but I didn't think I'd get it. It was pretty amazing."

In addition to being named province leader, Sturgell received $100 to spend on anything he wished on campus. He donated the money to Southern's ODK circle to spend on its service projects.

Dr. Elaine Freeman, associate professor of teacher education and faculty secretary and co-adviser of ODK, said Sturgell's leadership skills earned him the honor.

"He received this not only because of his depth of leadership, but also his breadth of leadership," Freeman said. "Jeremy's a rather renaissance man."

Sturgell has been an orientation teacher, a Southern Ambassador, Student Senate vice president and a football player.

He also started the Current Issues in Science Club.

He currently serves as interim president of the Campus Activities Board and is in the honors program.

"I used to tell my students [in orientation] to take action and get involved," Sturgell said. "It's even beneficial to get over-involved. The benefits far outweigh the stress of being busy."

To become a member of ODK, students must have completed at least 60 hours, have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average and be nominated by a faculty member or current member. After nominations, applications are mailed.

Once applications are received, a selection committee forms to organize the applications.

The entire ODK circle makes selections.

This year's nominations were due Sept. 6, and applications are currently being mailed.

The criteria considered when selecting members includes scholarship, athletics, campus or community service and campus government, social and religious activities, journalism, speech and the mass media, and creative and performing arts.

"The selection process is designed to honor the most reputable campus leaders," Freeman said.

Southern began a model ODK group in 1986 and received its ODK charter in April 1987. Lexington, Ky., is the home of the national office.

Freeman said as a member of ODK, students have the opportunity to be involved at the national and regional level while in college and after graduation.

"Once a member of ODK, always a member of ODK," she said. "That's very special. In addition to a high honor, it's a great networking tool."

"I thought I had a shot, but I didn't think I'd get it. It was pretty amazing."

Jeremy Sturgell
ODK Province Leader of the Year

Locally, Southern's ODK circle performs many services for the community, including an angel tree at Christmas, Thanksgiving baskets, ushering at the Sept. 11 memorial, high school leadership workshops targeting freshmen and sophomores, assisting with Career Day, Toys for Tots, and serving meals at the Salvation Army.

"A lot of people have the misconception it's just something you get voted into," Sturgell said. "It's really an active and dynamic organization."

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Blood drive to be held next week at BSC

The Student Nurses Association, along with the Red Cross, will sponsor a blood drive 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday on the third floor of Billingsly Student Center.

Free food will be available for donors, and they will also receive a T-shirt that commemorates Sept. 11.

Donors must be 18 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds. Those wanting to give blood should not have done so in the past 56 days.

Those wanting information may contact Catherine Cole at 625-9629.

Enforcement Academy opens classes Oct. 1

Enrollment for Missouri Southern's Law Enforcement Academy begins Oct. 1.

The 600-hour State Certified Basic Law Enforcement Academy will begin classes Jan. 13, 2003.

Upon successful completion of the Academy, the Missouri Department of Public Safety will certify eligible students as peace officers for the state.

The Academy meets 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It requires four Saturday classes per semester. The class will graduate May 15, 2003.

Those taking part receive training in Missouri criminal statutes, constitutional law, criminal investigation, patrol techniques, defense tactics training, physical training, firearms training and other skills and abilities deemed necessary by the state for law enforcement officers.

Financial aid is available for those who qualify.

Those interested in enrolling may contact Wayne Thomason at 625-9684 or via e-mail at thomason-w@mail.mssc.edu.

Student Life Center hosts House Party 2002

Southern Impact will host House Party 2002 Saturday.

The party lasts 10 p.m.-2 a.m. in the Student Life Center. Food will be served at 11 p.m. Everyone is invited, and there is a $3 cover charge.

Anyone 18 or older who pays a $2 fee may enter the freestyle rap contest. The contest is limited to seven artists. The audience will judge and choose the winner, who will receive a prize.

Women 18 or older can compete in a dance contest.

Southern hosts Career Development Day

Missouri Southern will host a Career Development Day Workshop 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesday in the second floor lounge of the Billingsly Student Center.

The workshop will cover subjects such as developing a resumé, networking, job searching, finding internships and how to introduce yourself to employees coming to the College.

For information, those interested may contact Career Services in the BSC, Room 207, by phone at 625-9343, or by e-mail at careerservices@mail.mssc.edu.

Sigma Tau Delta plans Banned Book Week

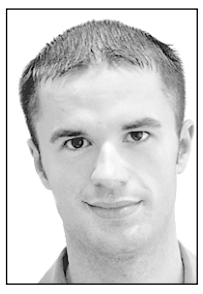
Sigma Tau Delta, the English department honor society, will be holding an awareness week Sept. 21-28 for National Banned Books Week.

STD will be performing activities in conjunction. The week is meant to raise awareness against censorship of literature.

The society will sell T-shirts in the English department and in the Seattle Roast Café. Spiva Library will set up a display of books that have been banned.

Editor's Column

Savor the moment before it's too late



Jacob W. Brower
Associate Editor

I wish I had a quarter for every time my idea of school has changed. Like everything else in life, the impressions a man has evolves as he grows older.

My idea of school, starting out, was not all that great. In elementary, school was a place my parents forced me to go to every weekday. "Why sit in a classroom, learning stupid stuff, when I could be outside playing, or at home watching cartoons?" I thought.

Little did I know things were about to get worse. Junior high was my own personal little hell. Since I was at least a couple of inches smaller than the other kids, and had a mouth a couple of times larger than the other kids, I was constantly getting myself into fights, and on the receiving end of swirlies, wedgies and the sort.

My first few years of high school weren't much better.

Then came my junior and senior years, when school suddenly became fun. I wish I could look back and pinpoint the event which changed the current of my academic life, but I can't. School went from being a place I avoided at every turn, to a place I wouldn't miss for the world. And why would I? Life was good.

I was excelling as a long-distance runner on the track team, and school provided a steady diet of dates for Friday and Saturday nights, not to mention cool parties down by the creek after football games. Unfortunately, I enjoyed my last few years of high school a little bit too much. I ended up graduating with a C average.

Then came college. I don't know what snapped in me, but I was determined to once again succeed in school. Fortunately/unfortunately, I went at it in excess — as I tend to do with everything. I obsessed every time I made an A minus instead of an A plus on a test. I recoiled in horror at the very thought of my precious GPA dropping by even a 10th of a point.

This level of determination is what my teachers and other authority figures had been trying to instill in me my entire life. However, I can't help but ask myself this: Has it all been worth it?

Don't get me wrong — academics have gotten me far in college, as in life. I wouldn't trade my mentions on the Dean's List, my studies abroad at Oxford, or my other educational accomplishments for the world. But all work and no play makes Jacob a dull boy. Sure, I've had fun my first few years of college, but fun has only been had after the homework was done, or if class was out of session. Going out on a Thursday night? Give me a break! I had class in the morning.

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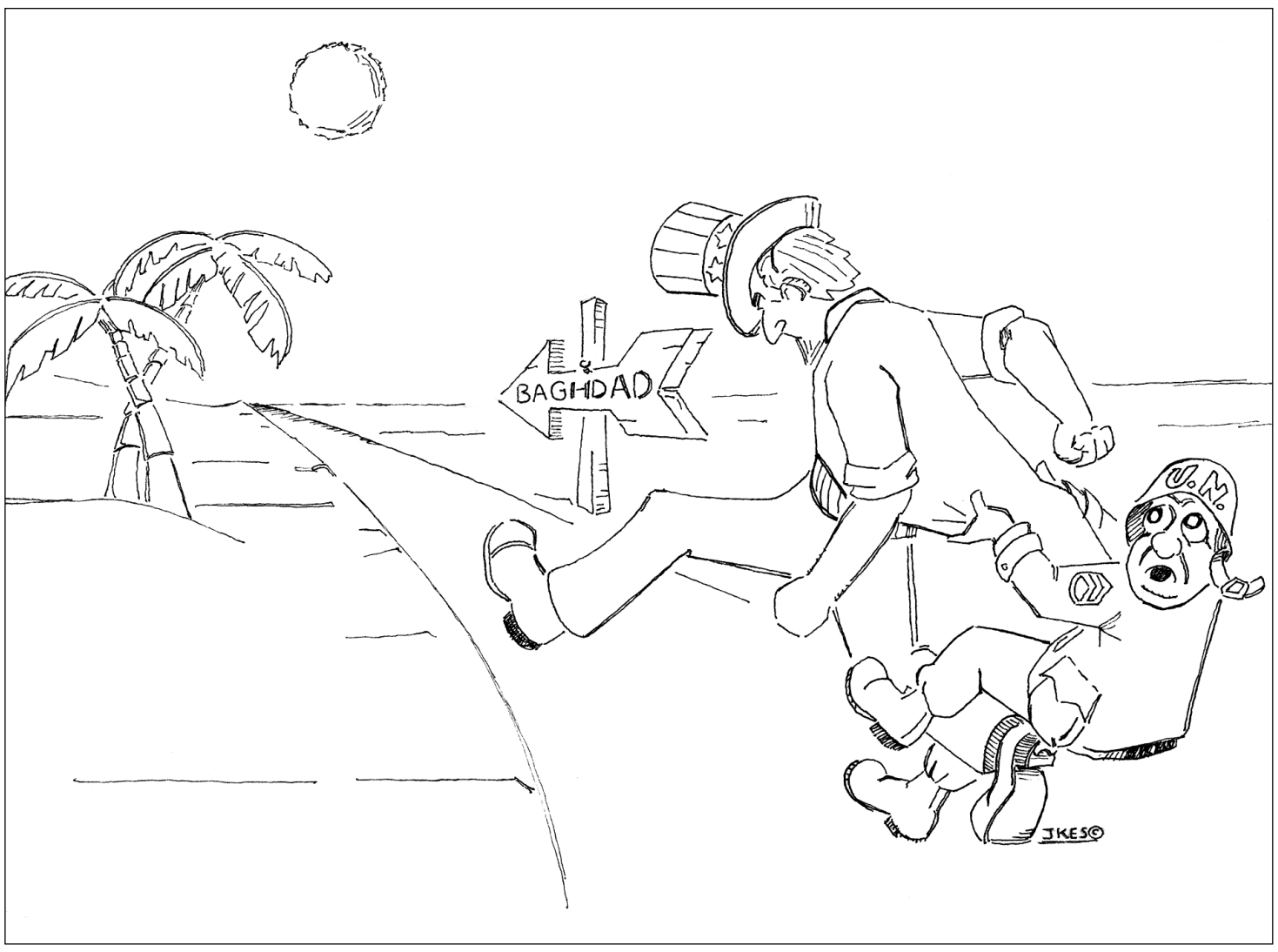


Preserve military strength

Chart Opinion

What will the United States gain by attacking Iraq?

President George W. Bush claims he wants to invade Iraq because of Saddam Hussein's arms violations and because of the mistreatment of the Iraqi people.

Yes, the Iraqi people are suffering under the tyranny of Hussein's rule. But what good will it do to destroy their homeland and make their situation even more miserable? Why not help the people instead?

And it's not a coincidence that a president with a very similar name did a very similar thing a little more than a decade ago. A joke has been going around, which says Bush should wait until Father's Day to attack Iraq because it would be a good gift. The joke has so much truth, it's almost not funny. If we were going to take care of Hussein, we should have finished the job years ago.

Bush refuses to listen to the people. While many citizens cry out for peace, he turns a deaf ear and demands military action.

Americans are not the only people Bush is ignoring. Virtually no other nation supports the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Some countries have even threatened to turn against us if we do so.

By a near 6-to-4 ratio, a recent CNN poll found the British people think Bush is more of a threat to world peace than Hussein.

When the United States can't even get Great Britain on its side, we have got to know something is wrong.

Most disappointing of all, however, has to be the president's denial of his own citizens.

While a country mourns the lives lost just a little more than a year ago in the Sept. 11, 2001, tragedy, he plans to perpetuate violence.

Inarguable, the United States has the best and most powerful military in the world.

Instead of showing off that strength for personal vendettas, however, we should preserve this precious commodity.

Campus Voice

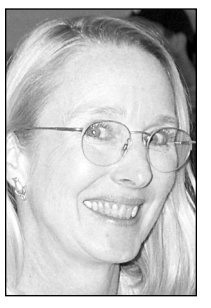
How do you feel about the U.S. invading Iraq?

"Considering Hussein's blatant violations of human rights and his unwillingness to comply with U.N. weapons standards, it is our duty as world citizens to protect the rights of all people."

Julie Martin
Junior
Theatre
Education major

"It takes all cultures to make up our world. This is what makes it unique. I think the only solution is at a negotiation table."

Cheryl Stoyanov
Freshman
Elementary
Education major



"We need to listen to our European allies and stop thinking only of ourselves."

Sydney Merritt
Senior
Secondary
Education Major

"I'm for the death penalty - I'm a Texan."

Katie Stevenson
Senior
Theatre major

"I think we should attack terrorism, not countries."

Stacy Harter
Senior
Theatre
major

In Perspective

Snake emerging reveals the hidden miracle of manifestation

Dr. Joy Dworkin
Associate Professor
of English

"God!" "Devil!" The men were pointing at a dirt mound. I didn't recognize them, but they had motioned to me so emphatically from across the street, waving their arms with excitement; it would have been rude to refuse whatever they wanted to offer me.

One man spoke a little English. "It is god there. Snake!" The half dozen or so men were all smiling, awaiting my response.

I was impressed, and a bit confused. "A snake lives there?" I asked. "Yes, yes. Goddess."

The dirt pile was about four feet tall, with a few irregular openings scattered across its surface from which a creature could emerge at any moment? In fact, I was initially more amazed to be standing beside the home of what I assumed had to be a very large snake than I was to consider the identity of snake and goddess.

We had recently visited a village just outside Hyderabad where the tiny temples that housed goddess shrines were decorated with images of snakes. I knew the image of the snake was one possible symbol of the goddess. But this was no symbol. And there was no shrine or temple here.

The men were beaming. They wanted so much for me to understand the significance of their discovery, but our discussion couldn't move beyond the basic information: snake, goddess, home.

I thanked them. Broad smiles all around. They wanted me to take their picture, standing by the hill of dirt. I obliged, then began my walk to the University of Hyderabad campus — regretting, as I did a number of times during my six weeks in India, that I hadn't taken the trouble to learn some Telugu (the regional language) or at least some Hindi.

But before long, more information was conveyed — though mostly not through language. Soon, what had begun as a pile of dirt became widely recognized as a sacred space. A canopy of dried grasses was built to mark it as such; tree trunks and posts were painted with white and red stripes, as was the wall behind the canopy; the snake-nest itself was covered with saffron and vermilion powders and garlands of jasmine flowers; a brass bell was strung from the canopy; and a woman sat to the side of the mound, selling coconuts.

Within a couple weeks, on a religious festival day, a lively party took place at the site, complete with a processional of four drummers and a crowd of some 30 or 40 merrymakers — men and children laughing and dancing, the more stately women bringing *puja* (sacred offerings) in metal bowls balanced on their heads.

This transformation, the speed and naturalness with which a community recognized and celebrated its divinity HERE and NOW, did amaze me, continues to amaze me.

In India, such transformations are snakes: emerging to reveal what was hidden, linking two realms in a miracle of manifestation.

Jessica Firor/The Chart

Mudit Pachauri, Indian exchange student, buys tickets during the international film festival.

Film Festival features 20th century movies rarely viewed in U.S.

BY NATE BILLINGS
Staff Writer

The words "classic film" are usually associated with movies like *Gone with the Wind*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *It's a Wonderful Life*.

The Missouri Southern International Film Society is trying to change this by introducing students to classic films from other countries and a few little-known movies from the United States.

Harrison Kash, director of the film society, said he has placed his emphasis on finding critically-acclaimed movies that have been written about but seldom seen in the United States.

"The goal of the film society is to present significant films from around the world through the 20th century that are no longer shown main stream," Kash said.

The 16-millimeter films are from a film library in New York City. Kash said Missouri Southern has a rare opportunity to see these films because the only other places the films are shown are usually in large universities or film institutes. The films are not dubbed and are shown in their original language with English subtitles. Classic movies receive this distinction if filmed before 1980. Kash said the movies are usually as clear as some videos.

"Occasionally, we discover something unknown and little was written about, but it turns out to be a treasure," Kash said.

He said finding a high-rated movie disappointing is true, too.

Dr. Pedro Talavera, associate professor of Spanish and Russian, helps Kash with the film festival. Talavera became involved in the film society seven years ago when he went to some of the films and became friends with Kash.

"He is very persistent," Talavera said. "It's just a few people who have the stamina to do what he does. He's a wonderful person."

Talavera said Kash does most of the work himself, and that many people associate him with the society even though Kash is retired.

Kash has worked with the film society since its beginning some 41 years ago. The society was originally funded by the Spiva Art Center and later came to Southern. The film festival is sponsored in part by the Institute of International Studies.

The films for this year's festival come from Cuba, England, Hungary, Germany, France, Czechoslovakia and Russia. The oldest film is the German film, *Destiny* from 1921. The first film is an American film from the Depression era. It is one of the few films produced at the time.

Rahila Khan, sophomore physics major, went to a French film the society viewed last year. She said the movies are different from pop culture. She said she would like to go once in awhile to see a film from another country.

"Even if I didn't like it, I'd go see one again," Khan said.

Upcoming Gockel Symposium focuses on Kashmir conflict

'First-rate' speakers to lecture about importance of India

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

Focusing mainly on the crisis in Kashmir, the Gockel Symposium brings two "first-rate" speakers to the stage.

Dr. Stephen Cohen, a senior fellow in the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution, and Dr. Ayesha Jalal, professor of history at Tufts University, will give India lectures on Thursday. Cohen will ask, "Did the Decade of India Last Four Years?" at 9:30 a.m. in Taylor Auditorium. Both Cohen and Jalal will speak together about Kashmir at 7:30 p.m. in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Missouri Southern doesn't often attract speakers of this caliber, said Dr. Karl Schmidt, associate professor of history.

"India is terribly important for the future," he said.

As the United States is India's biggest trading partner and has a common goal with the United States in defeating terrorists, it's important for students to stay informed of issues relating to India, Schmidt said.

"It would be a shame if they miss this type of opportunity," he said.

Kashmir was chosen as the main topic because it is currently "one of the world's great hot spots," he said.

Solutions to the Kashmir problem have to be discussed so a peace can be reached, he said.

Cohen said he plans to discuss four main points during his lectures: the fact India has been generally neglected by the United States for such a long time; that it took the testing of nuclear weapons to bring about U.S. interest in India; the new relationship with New Delhi after 9/11; and how India has agreed to fight terrorism.

Now with the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., Cohen has spoken to international political groups and colleges across the country. He said he chose to speak at Southern to interact with people from another part of the country.

"I wanted to get out of Washington for awhile," he said.

"India is terribly important for the future."

Dr. Karl Schmidt
Associate Professor of History

Schmidt will moderate the speeches. He said he hopes to "tease out" some good issues.

Jalal and Cohen have shared the stage together before. Schmidt said they don't always see eye-to-eye on everything, so he believes the symposium should be interesting.

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Dr. N. Ree Wells helps students understand India by teaching religion, politics and education.

Wells offers 'vision' of India

BY RUSS HAGERMAN
Staff Writer

Dharma, development and diversity are what describe India, a complex nation politically, religiously and technologically.

India's society parallels the United States, however, India is primarily an agrarian society. Higher education writings are in English, and there are high technological advances. The University of Hyderabad has been given the moniker of "Cyber-abad." The Microsoft Corporation gives graduating college students in India jobs because of advances in technology.

To learn more about India without traveling to the country itself, one need only to have signed up for the topic class, Contemporary India. Facilitated by Dr. N. Ree Wells, associate professor of sociology, the course involves an exploration of the major social institutions of India. These institutions include but are not limited to religion, family, economy, politics, education and health care.

"I would like to see the students taking this course to have vision, a better sense of a complex and dynamic country," Wells said.

Wells said she is learning along with the students.

"We are in this together," she said. "I am learning as well."

There are issues unique to India that will be explored in the course, such as the role of Hinduism in the hierarchical structuring of castes, gender and occupations in society.

Students do not need to be sociology majors to take a topic class in sociology. Along with sociology majors, there are also international studies, English and international business majors in the class. Barbra Lukunka, junior international studies major, is one such student in the class.

"I took the class because I am mainly interested in the conflict between India and Pakistan," Lukunka said. "I also find the culture interesting."

Robby Ball, senior sociology and secondary education major, concurs with Lukunka.

"I find the country of India interesting," he said. "I am interested in the classification of India's people."

Wells is enthusiastic about the class. She was one of six to attend a faculty seminar in India during spring 2000.

She also participated in the Summer of India program in 2000.

"We were supposed to be in India for six weeks, but it was cut short due to the India and Pakistan conflict," she said.

The class is challenging, though, even for Wells. Literature about India at the college level is difficult to find. Heavily relying on campus resources is an important part of the course with internationalizing the curriculum at Southern, Wells said. She has set up a list of faculty presentations throughout the semester. She will also bring "experiential elements" to the class.

"The international mission has created opportunities for me," Wells said. "I can give something back."

Places To Go

Local businesses promise good deals, drinks

By Josh Ray
Diversions Editor

Tere Hogan/The Chart

Jacque Garoutte, bass guitarist, plays in the band Georgia Overdrive at The Kitchen Pass. The band was formerly The Missionaries.

What are you doing this weekend?

The million-dollar question. Almost everyone is either asking this question or getting asked it at least four dozen times on Friday. With people trying to plan their nights, dates, parties and trips, everyone wants to see what their friends will be up to. So, what are you doing?

Usually to that question, people around here laugh and say, "What is there to do around here? It is Joplin after all." Does it have to be that way? Whether you realize it or not, there are actually some things going on in Joplin almost everyone can attend. Granted, some of them are best for the 21 and up crowd, but hey, for you young ones out there, you can find something to do, also. Read on dear reader, and see what I found for you to do this weekend.

First of all, you must think about what you actually want to do this weekend. Do you want to see a band? Go dancing? Play pool? Or just hang out with your friends and drink the spirits? Granted, if you just want to sit at home and suck your thumb, I can't help you. But for anything else, just decide what you want, and I'll supply the details.

For people of all ages, The Kitchen Pass is the place to go. While it only has one pool table, the place is filled on Friday and Saturday nights with live music and the smell of food. The business offers a full-service menu to the hungry, and to the thirsty? Well, you can take advantage of the drink specials for the night. If you are of legal drinking age, you are even allowed out on the patio, away from the younger generation. Friday, The Kitchen Pass will host the 32nd Street Band from 6-9 p.m., and then Carolyn Wonderland at 10 p.m. On Saturday night, the rock band Groove Kings will perform.

If you're looking for something different from rock and cover bands, there is always The Green Room. While it also only offers a few pool tables, it does serve alcohol. Sorry kids, but the Room is only open to those who are 21 and up. Every Thursday night it offers music, and also has poetry readings and other forms of entertainment. Check it out if you're looking for a new place to relax.

Also for those of legal age, there is always the Red Lion. It's a cocktail lounge and offers numerous nights of fun and drunken revelry. Guys, it's a good place to see chicks. Girls, it's a good place to get money and get noticed. The Lion offers a wet T-shirt contest every Wednesday night, as well as ladies night and a beer trough on the same night. And, for those of you who like to sing, even if you can't, karaoke is always on Thursday night. So, down some beer and make a fool of yourself! As for Fridays, their is always something new going on. Saturday nights are again ladies night, and a college ID will get you in free.

And then there's The Brickhouse. You might have seen its fliers around campus, but if you haven't, I'll fill you in. Happy Hour (that's all you're really concerned about, isn't it?) is from 4:30-10 p.m. Saturday nights are student ID night, so grab it and go. But, what I found most interesting about this place is that on Sept. 21 and 28, The House is sponsoring a Beach Party. The ad says everyone who comes in beach gear will get a lay. But wait, hold on a minute before you grab your trunks and run out the door (please remember to put them on though, the ad does say "in beach gear" not out of it). There's one more place I'd like to tell you about.

And that's Geppetto's Pizzeria. This is the only place I looked at that isn't on Main Street. But why a pizza shop? Well, for one, they do sell beer. Yeah, that perked your attention. And two, they do have a live band out there every now and then. The band is called Pinewood Derby. The next time a band will be playing at the restaurant is October 2, so set your calendar. But here's what sets the Pizzeria apart from all the other places that house live bands. Geppetto's runs a buffet from 6-9 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Can't get much better than that, can you? OK, maybe if you have a cool swimsuit, but that's a big chance, right?

That's all I have for now in the line of places to go. I hope I've given you at least a couple of ideas to either hang out at, drink at, or go to pick up chicks, or guys (whichever you prefer) at. If not, you're a lost cause. Go rent a movie and just stay home. You'll have more fun like that anyway.

Comic book gives students break from work

In Review

Josh Ray
Diversions Editor

"I hate it here." As the school year marches slowly (and even more and more slowly as it reaches the end), those words are probably on many hard-studying students' lips. You want to get out, you want to leave. You're tired of classes, teachers, papers and everything else pertaining to school. But hey, don't let it all get you down. Take a break, give those typing (or writing, whichever you prefer) fingers a rest, and read about another guy whose hate for society is much greater than you could ever image.

His name is Spider Jerusalem. Yes, he is a made-up character, just another figment of Warren Ellis' imagination. He resides in the comic book *Transmetropolitan*.

Transmet, as it is called among its fans, takes place some time in the future of America. It is a future completely unlike our own world and time, but yet so vaguely similar it is often scary. The whole series of the comic book is based upon this one man, Spider, who works for the main newspaper in "The City" (the largest metro area in the country). Each edition follows him as he goes through his city searching for one thing and one thing only, the truth.

While the first issues might seem like they're pointless in themselves except for amusement, they're not. Read all of them straight through from beginning to end, and at the very end, everything will come together. You might even understand it.

The 60 issues in this comic book's run can be read and found interesting by almost anyone. While it is a science fiction type atmosphere, it also helps incorporate the genres of action and comedy.

Whether you're grabbing greedily for the next issue to see what happens next, laughing your ass off because of something he said, pissed off at what he did, or sitting slack-jawed at what just took place, you will most definitely like this book. Throughout the whole thing, you will see his stand on everything from religion, politics, love and even television. It is a completely captivating set.

The book does have its drawbacks, though. Well, actually it doesn't. I was just kidding. But, it is from Vertigo comics (a byproduct of DC Comics), and each issue comes with a sweet little rating on it that says, "For Mature Audiences Only." So, if you can't stand a little profanity (OK, almost every other word), are a hard-core Christian Bible thumper (he dresses in a Jesus costume and proclaims that he killed God), or can't handle graphic drawings of violence (they go into special detail in the drawings of people getting their heads blown off), don't pick up this comic book. Basically, if you're a pussy and don't ever actually go out in the real world, this comic is definitely not for you. But hey, why listen to me, right? Pick it up for yourself. But you have been warned.

Anyway, the comic book's last issue was released this week. If you want to buy any of the back issues, you'll either have to go online (or look really really hard in the whole one or two comic bookstores we have around here) or just buy the trade paperback. The Book Barn and Books-A-Million both carry the books. But you really should read it. What else are you going to do with your time? Homework? Yeah, that's pretty funny. Pick up the comic book. It's awesome and will captivate your mind for hours.

Greg Krutssinger sings at The Kitchen Pass. Read the story to find out more places to go in Joplin.

Push Factor

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Bassist Steve McAdams, left, singer/guitarist Mark Palmer, guitarist Larry Jones, and drummer Matt Coleman grew up together and formed the Joplin band Push Factor. The band will be playing Oct. 4 at The Green Room on Main Street. The show will be for those 21 and over.

Local band plans to record new album

By Nate Billings
Staff Writer

Friends who came together to form a band sounds like a movie, but this is real.

Mark Palmer, Steve McAdams, Larry Jones and Matt Coleman are members of Push Factor, a local hard-rock band.

The group members grew up together. McAdams, Coleman and Palmer played the drums in their high school band. Each had played in several different bands before coming together as Push Factor.

"We all bring our own style to the band," McAdams said.

The group has played at the Green Room, the Battle of the Bands, and in other places around the Joplin area. Because the band usually plays in bars that do not allow underage customers, the band has a small but loyal following, McAdams said.

Coleman, senior art major, said the group would like more people to come see it perform. McAdams said he would like to play in more places that allow underage people. The group would also like to see some of the bars allow underage students in, but not allow them to drink.

During the next year, the group would like to expand to the surrounding Springfield and Tulsa areas, Coleman said.

In a year, however, the group will be moving to Austin, Texas.

"It's the best live-music scene in the U.S.," Coleman said.

"I love playing music," McAdams said. "The greatest feeling is getting up on stage and playing music, watching the crowd and having them sing along, listening to you play."

McAdams said that, for him, if a song is written, sung and played well, he respects it, no matter what type of song it is. McAdams said every song touches someone at the show, and when it does, the group has done its job.

Before the group leaves for Austin, it would like to have a solid fan base here. The band encourages all who can to come see it play.

The group plays covers from such groups as the Toadies, Weezer and Foo Fighters. It also plays the "Cheers" theme to start out a show sometimes. The group's name is derived from another group's name.

"I was sitting around drinking coffee one night and thought it up," Coleman said.

The members are currently working on recording their songs. It is a hard process because they have had to work around shows.

The band has played with several other local bands including One Track Mind, Defending the Addiction, Brutally Frank, REO Fidelity and Gizmo.

Local radio station, Rock 105, has the group's promotion CD. Listeners may call in on Sundays and request to hear the group during the Local Show.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Push Factor drummer Matt Coleman has been playing drums since he was 6 years old.

CAB prepares upcoming events for campus

By Jacob West
Staff Writer

The Campus Activities Board held its weekly meeting at noon on Sept. 16 in Billingsly Student Center to discuss upcoming events for October.

The first item of business was suggestions for giveaway prizes. Two items, coffee cups and magnetic dry-erase boards with pens, were suggested. CAB's budget for the coffee cups would cost around $.96 for each cup, and $1.10 to $1.19 for each of the dry-erase boards. Colors for both the coffee cups and dry-erase boards have yet to be decided upon.

CAB has a new and improved Web page with many features thanks to Michelle Boley, novelties chairperson. There will be photographs of CAB members, a calendar of events, a feedback/response section, frequently asked questions, a message board, and links to other related sites of interests. Students may access the Web site at www.mssc.edu/cab.

The next item on the agenda was a proposal by Joe Melvin, Ameriserve director, to bring food vendors to the College for a "Taste of Missouri Southern Fair." This event is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10. There will be booths set up to distribute free food, and other prizes will be given away to participants. Fliers of the event will be posted so CAB and Ameriserve can bring together more people.

CAB wants to bring back a popular speaker, Mike Green, to the College again this year to speak to both students and faculty on drinking. Starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17 in Webster Hall Auditorium, Green will address students on the "4 stages of drinking." Then at noon on Oct. 18, Green will speak to faculty and staff at a luncheon. Each session lasts about an hour.

One member of CAB who likes to be involved in many activities is Matt Hite, sophomore political science major. There seems to be a high turnover in CAB, and Hite wants to see more involvement. Hite is the chairperson for the service and support committee, where he helps in event planning and coordination. Hite has helped in previous years with the Linkin Park concert and other events.

"I care how the money is spent," Hite said.

Homecoming is the next major event planned for CAB, and this year's theme is Sensational Sixties.

"I would like to see more school spirit," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities.

There will be organizations with royalty nominees up for election to kick off the week. Ideas for novelties included a make-your-own music video with a choice of VHS or DVD copies, a photo generator with a wide range of costumes to fit in the theme, and a game titled "Think Fast." On Thursday of Homecoming week, there will be a talent show, and anyone can participate. There will be a picnic on Friday, then a parade and the "big" game on Saturday. CAB estimates spending $250 for its float, $100 for candy and $50-100 for other expenses.

Concert committee chairman David Kenny reported on an estimated cost of $1,500 from CAB's budget to bring one big-name group and two local groups for an outdoor concert.

Jeremy Sturgell, lectures committee chairman, brought up some ideas for speakers; one of which was Congressman Roy Blunt, who would speak on civic virtue.

Other suggestions for events included a costume contest for Halloween, a car check for students to bring their cars for checkups and winterizing and a hypnotist.

The last item on the agenda was how Southern Ad Concepts could do publicity for CAB. Student input is welcome on how CAB spends the students' money. Lunch will be served at the next meeting at noon on Monday in the BSC, Room 310.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Josh Ray at 625-9311.

20 *"Ballistic: Ecks vs Sever," "The Four Feathers" and "Trapped"* open at Joplin's Northstar 14 Theatre.

The Wesley Foundation is inviting students to go on a float trip with them.

Dr. Lawrence from the Department of Religion at Duke University will be speaking @ 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Webster Hall Auditorium.

21 Lions football will play @ 6 p.m. at home vs SW Baptist.

There is a home cross country meet.

The World Southern Stampede will be held @ 9 a.m. at the cross country course.

23 BSU Joy Explosion will be @ 7 p.m. at BSU.

24 The Student Nurses Association and Red Cross will have a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the third floor of Billingsly.

25 A free lunch will be from noon until 12:45 p.m. at BSU.

26 Priority Post from BSU will be held from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Billingsly Lions Den.

The Aspen Music Ensemble will be held @ 1 p.m. in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Weekend Happenings:

Kitchen Pass::
Friday: 32nd Street Band 6-9 p.m.
Carolyn Wonderland 10 p.m.
Saturday: Groove Kings

The Brickhouse::
Saturday: Beach Party Student ID Night

The Red Lion::
Saturday: Ladies Night College ID Night

Useless Information

Johnny Depp is afraid of clowns.

A pound of grasshoppers is three times as nutritious as a pound of beef (and cheaper too!).

Fish scales are an ingredient in lipstick (makes you wanna kiss the next girl you see, right guys?).

It is more likely for you to be attacked by a cow than a shark (in other words, go play with a shark and leave the cows alone).

There is cyanide in apple pits.

On average, people spend six months of their lives waiting for red lights (so why waste that time waiting? Just go!)

There is coffee flavored Pez (mmm).

"Hang on Sloopy" is the official rock song of Ohio.

On penny doubled everyday becomes five million dollars in just 30 days (start saving those pennies and you might not have to go to school anymore).

You forget 80 percent of what you learn each day (why not just save yourself the trouble and only show up to 20 percent of your classes?).

When you flush a toilet, an invisible cloud of water, full of germs, shoots six feet in the air (Old Faithful!).

Mosquitoes have teeth.

NOTE: All information for this section taken from http://come.to/phill
So sue them, not me!

Planned Parenthood posters taken down

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

A series of Planned Parenthood posters have been taken down, possibly by people opposing the organization's message.

Jill Cannon, secondary education major and volunteer with Planned Parenthood, spent time designing and constructing the informative posters, which spoke about emergency contraception.

"At first, I thought people were taking the posters for information," Cannon said.

After she discovered one of Planned Parenthood's posters was taken down, she knew what was going on.

"I was upset," she said. "People don't have to like it or have the right to take it down."

Cannon said if people don't like what Planned Parenthood is saying, then they can make a poster which says they disagree with it.

Before any poster can be placed anywhere on campus, it must be approved by an employee in the student activities office.

If the poster lacks the stamp of approval, maintenance has the right to throw the poster away.

If it's OK, then the poster can be hung up.

"We stamp everything, if it doesn't violate any campus policies," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities.

Blackford said the take-down problem usually occurs with posters which share religious and sexual information.

"It's not right to take them down," Blackford said. "They're just putting information up."

She said it's hard to catch perpetrators in the act. If they are caught, the person will be reported to student services.

Although discouraged about her efforts, Cannon doesn't plan to stop volunteering.

"I plan to put more posters up," she said.

COLLEGE:

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Now that my college life is quickly wrapping up, what I hope to accomplish is the enjoyment of the "college experience" along with the maintaining of my grades.

That's right — I want to have my cake and eat it too. The way I see it, college is the Mardi Gras of life — that one last celebration before the great abstinence known as the corporate world and marriage.

My commitment to academics hasn't changed a bit, but my priorities have. Ten years down the road, I'm not going to give a rat's behind what I made on last Friday's Spanish test.

What I will care about is the friends I've made, the things I've done, and the experiences I've had.

Ask any old-timer what he would change if he could go back in time, and I guarantee most would say they wish they would have had more fun as a young person. When I'm old a gray, whittling on a piece of wood, telling my grandkids what the world was like "back in my day," I want to be able to speak of my college years without any sense of regret. You're only young once — savor the moment.

REGENTS:

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will be," León said. "We might be able to get a more even treatment of higher education."

He said, however, the forum was successful in creating awareness for the governor and legislature.

"It was gratifying to hear people from all over the state supporting higher education," said Dr. Paul Teverow, faculty liaison to the Board.

In other financial news, the Regents also announced pay off of the $500,000 line of credit taken out in April.

Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs, announced bids for the crosswalk lighting construction began Sept. 19, and two bids have been accepted for the re-roofing of Matthews and Taylor halls.

León also said he was pleased with the student enrollment for the fall semester. Enrollment dropped by 76 from last year's fall semester. León said he expected a drop of at least 170-200 due to the raise in tuition and tougher admissions standards.

"That is quite positive," he said. "We are pleased with these numbers."

León also said the Sept. 11 memorial went well, and the new flag is "an outstanding feature of this campus."

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Legacy Program educates youth

BY KIMBERLY FEATHER
Staff Writer

The Missouri Southern Alumni Association is sponsoring the Legacy Program for children ages 5-14 on Saturday, Sept. 28.

This program allows children or relatives of Missouri Southern graduates to spend a day on campus and learn what the College has to offer.

When the program began in 1998, it only allowed children ages 11-14 to participate.

The alumni association passed surveys around to participants in the program and found that expanding the program to ages 5-14 gives younger generations a chance to experience life at Southern.

"The program is full this year; we can't take anymore," said Lee Elliff Pound, alumni director.

The program was originally only going to accept 20 participants, but expanded to accommodate 32.

Children ages 5-7 will experience a bug hunt at the Biology Pond, gardening and stained glass windows. Ages 8-10 will participate in a TV production and tie-dying T-shirts, and ages 11-13 will make jewelry and join in conversational Spanish. Plenty of hands-on experiences will be available for the children. Every student will bring home a piece of Southern from the activities they participate in throughout the day. After classes, participants will meet at Touchdown Alley and enjoy a free meal and tickets to a Southern Lions football game. Everyone will receive a free Legacy Day T-shirt.

Tammy Hunter, alumni office student helper, has a 5-year-old son who participates in the program.

"I think that this is a pretty awesome program, where the alumni get to bring their kids," she said. "It's for the kids, and they get to learn and have fun."

Since the program has expanded from ages 11-14 to ages 5-14, the alumni association hopes more children will learn about Southern and select it as their college when it comes time to decide. Children are shown how fun the College's campus can be.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 28 on the main floor of the Billingsly Student Center. Interactive classes are from 2-4:30 p.m. Afterward, participants will meet at Touchdown Alley at 4:30 p.m. and then attend the 7 p.m. football game when the Southern Lions play the Washburn Ichabods.

FIXIN' SUBS

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Paul Rodriguez of Emerald City Builders works in a trench at the construction site of a Subway Restaurant at the junction of Range Line Road and Fourth Street.

Amber program alerts Joplin area

BY T.J. GERLACH
Staff Writer

The Amber Alert system is making its way to southwest Missouri.

The system, which alerts the public when a child is abducted, began in Texas and has been established by several states in the nation. While Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas all have plans for statewide systems, local agencies have their own plans for the tri-state area.

"When you have such easy access to Kansas and Oklahoma and here, we really need a regional plan that encompasses our area," said Greg Dagnan, chairman for the Amber Alert Committee.

"When you need it, you need it bad, and we don't want to be caught unprepared."

While the alert system could be used for other situations, the local system would only be used if a child abduction is confirmed by law enforcement agencies.

"The danger is overuse," Dagnan said. "If the public begins to see it a lot, then they will begin to ignore it."

So far, more than 20 local law enforcement and media agencies have become involved.

These agencies include police departments in Joplin, Carthage, Webb City and Grove, Okla., the Newton and Jasper County sheriff's departments and the Missouri Highway Patrol.

Media agents will be supplied with the equipment necessary to receive abduction information and broadcast it to the public. The basic system works like the Emergency Alert System used when severe weather warnings are issued. Once an abduction is confirmed, pertinent information is sent out to media resources by fax and e-mail. In the future, information would also be distributed via the Internet.

"I believe the Internet and fax machines would enhance the expediency of presenting the information," said Ron Peterson, president of KMXL 95.1.

Peterson, who is also a nine-county tri-state operational area coordinator for the EAS, said the EAS equipment cannot currently handle all information necessary for Amber Alerts. He hopes EAS will be able to upgrade the equipment to enable transmission of information.

The Amber Alert, which is an acronym meaning America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response, has had success in other areas of the nation. Dagnan believes a local system could possibly prevent some cases of abduction. Anyone planning to abduct a child would realize that once the abduction is confirmed, the entire community would know about it.immediately.

"I believe it would work and work well," Peterson said.

Dagnan said within the last couple years there have been a few cases where the Amber Alert could have been used.

One case involved a mother who left her child in a dumpster and would not tell authorities where the baby was. Another case involved a teen-age girl being abducted near 15th Street.

Hardware and software training is offered for agencies participating in an Amber Alert program. Each medium will announce confirmed abductions according to an established protocol.

Television stations will broadcast the photos and descriptions every 15-30 minutes.

Radio stations will read descriptions of suspects, abductees and present any additional information every 15-20 minutes.

Dagnan hopes the system will never have to be used, but if it is needed, it should be up and running by the beginning of the new year.

"When you have such easy access to Kansas and Oklahoma here, we really need a regional plan that encompasses our area."
Greg Dagnan
Chairman of the Amber Alert Committee

Neosho Rotary sponsors show for area projects

BY KIMBERLY FEATHER
Staff Writer

The Neosho Rotary Club is sponsoring an "On Stage" talent show Saturday, Oct. 5.

The Rotary Club is a civic club, which raises money for service projects in the area.

Half of the money for the show will go toward service projects in the Neosho area, and the other half goes toward the Polio Plus program, which is sponsored by all Rotary Clubs for the eradication of polio. This is the first year for the talent show and turnout is expected to be big.

"There is a lot of talent in this area and it gives amateurs a chance to show off their talent," said Sue White, co-chairperson of the fund-raiser committee.

The cost to enter is $15, and participants must be 18 years or older.

The show will consist of three divisions: vocal, instrumental and dance. The winners from each category will share a $1,000 prize, and the winner of the vocal category will receive a chance to record a song at a recording studio in Seneca.

Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door and can be obtained from any Rotarian.

Each ticket has a coupon for 10 percent off any meal at the Kitchen Pass and 10 percent off at the Neosho Inn.

"The response is good, hopefully someone can launch a career through this," said Hazel Pennell, Rotary Club vice president. The show begins at 7 p.m. at the Neosho municipal building.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Free health screenings inside Northpark Mall

St. John's Regional Medical Center is hosting a free diabetes screening from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday in the Health Connection conference room located inside the main entrance of Northpark Mall.

For information, persons may call Vicki Lazure, St. John's Community Outreach Coordinator, at 659-6337 or 625-2000

Annual St. John's walk benefits local hospice

The 20th annual Walk for Hospice, sponsored by St. John's Regional Medical Center, begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Cunningham Park in Joplin.

Registration for the event is at 9 a.m., with opening ceremonies at 9:45 a.m.

For information, persons may contact St. John's Hospice at 627-8488 or 800-638-7073.

Toxic waste collection scheduled for weekend

A free limited hazardous waste collection will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Recycling Center, located at 1310 W. A St.

Joplin residents may bring insecticides, pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. All materials collected will be reclaimed or disposed of by Safety-Kleen Corp., a licensed qualified waste management contractor. This collection is funded by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Region M Solid Waste Management District, and the City of Joplin. For information, persons may call 624-0820, ext. 501.

Public library enhances English language skills

The Webb City Public Library is holding programs to enhance the English language skills of area immigrants. The classes are made possible by a grant given to the library from the Missouri State Library.

A conversation practice group meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Mondays. The group, conducted in English, focuses on practical matters such as how to find information through the local media, job expectations and local traditions and customs.

An English as a second language class meets from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The materials for the class is provided without charge to the students.

Child care is also provided for elementary-aged children.

The Webb City Public Library is located at 101 S. Liberty. For information, persons may call 673-4326.

Annual blood drive set for area football fans

The third annual Rams vs. Chiefs Challenge of the Fans Blood Drive is scheduled for Sept. 24-27 at the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks, 2639 E. 32nd St.

Hours for the event are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday. Throughout the event, blood donors get the opportunity to cast a vote for their favorite team. Scores will be tallied at the end of each day and announced to area media. First-time donors may be allowed to vote twice.

An eligible donor is anyone at least 17 years of age, who weighs 110 pounds or more and hasn't given blood in the past 56 days. Information is available at 626-8323.

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Special to The Chart

The Youth Symphony Orchestra of The Shanghai Conservatory of Music performs at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Taylor Auditorium.

College welcomes concert

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

Once again, Missouri Southern has the opportunity to experience another culture.

The Youth Symphony Orchestra of The Shanghai Conservatory of Music will perform a concert Tuesday in Taylor Auditorium. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., and admission is free.

Dr. Kexi Liu, associate professor of music, said the director of the youth orchestra, Zhang Mei, contacted him about coming to Missouri Southern to perform.

"I felt very excited," Liu said. "This is an excellent opportunity for the school to have this group here."

The orchestra will perform a program of traditional and modern musical works on Chinese and western instruments. Some of the Chinese instruments include a stringed instrument with a bow and a zheng, which is a pluck instrument. Liu said it is much different from a guitar. The Chinese bamboo flute will also be featured.

Included in the works will be the first performance of a Chinese violin concerto, "The Liang & Zhu (Butterfly Lovers) Violin Concerto."

Liu will be a guest soloist during the concerto.

The concerto is based on a traditional Chinese story, which is similar to "Romeo and Juliet."

Liu first performed this piece in February 1992 during his first recital at Southern.

"I am excited to now perform it with the orchestra," he said.

Aaron Scriven, senior music education major, will join the orchestra by playing trumpet on one piece during the concerto.

The two trumpet players who normally play with the orchestra were unable to obtain their visas, so another player had to come in their place.

"I was actually pretty excited to be chosen to play," Scriven said. "A group like that coming here and me getting to play with them is an excellent opportunity."

Rusty Raymond, band director, recommended Scriven for his expertise in playing with an orchestra. He performed with Southern's orchestra last year. That orchestra no longer exists because the director retired.

Scriven said although he recently received the music, he is not too concerned about the short amount of time to practice.

"For me, I don't think it's going to be too hard," he said.

Scriven also expects the orchestra's concert to be impressive.

"I figure if they're making the trip all the way here, they must have a great work ethic," he said.

The concert tour of the United States this year has included performances at Disneyland in Los Angeles, Memphis and St. Louis.

Southern is the first stop where admission costs nothing.

"This is a great cultural exchange for our students to learn about Chinese culture and music," Liu said. "Our students have probably never heard these instruments before."

Founded in 1992, the Shanghai Conservatory is considered one of the best music schools in China. The orchestra consists of the conservatory's top students and faculty members.

The College is providing two apartments to house some of the instrumentalists.

Eleven host families in Joplin will also provide homes.

FIGURES:

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classrooms.

"That's an amazing figure," Spurlin said.

Dr. John P. Messick, dean of arts and sciences, teaches a "hybrid" class, which meets 2-5 p.m. Wednesdays and uses narrated notes on CD and on Blackboard.

Messick said he uses Blackboard to supplement his teaching, which provides consistency, efficiency and ease for the students and himself.

"I don't intend for it to take the place of normal teaching, but it's a useful supplement," he said.

"The computer helps, but nothing compares to actually being in class, seeing the teacher and actually being able to ask questions face-to-face," Parks said.

Spurlin himself uses the Internet to enhance his Introduction to Criminal Justice class, sending the students on a "Web Quest" to search for information on the Internet.

In spite of the College's recent financial difficulties, Parks, Honey and Spurlin all agreed students continue to enroll at Southern for its value and programs.

Spurlin said the international mission attracts many students, and the education, dental and nursing departments tend to be the top in the state.

"People don't come here because it's a party school," he said.

"No-nonsense students come here to get an education for life."

Honey said the College has a reputation for excellence.

"Going to Southern fits well with students' lifestyles," she said. "We're trying to serve a variety of students."

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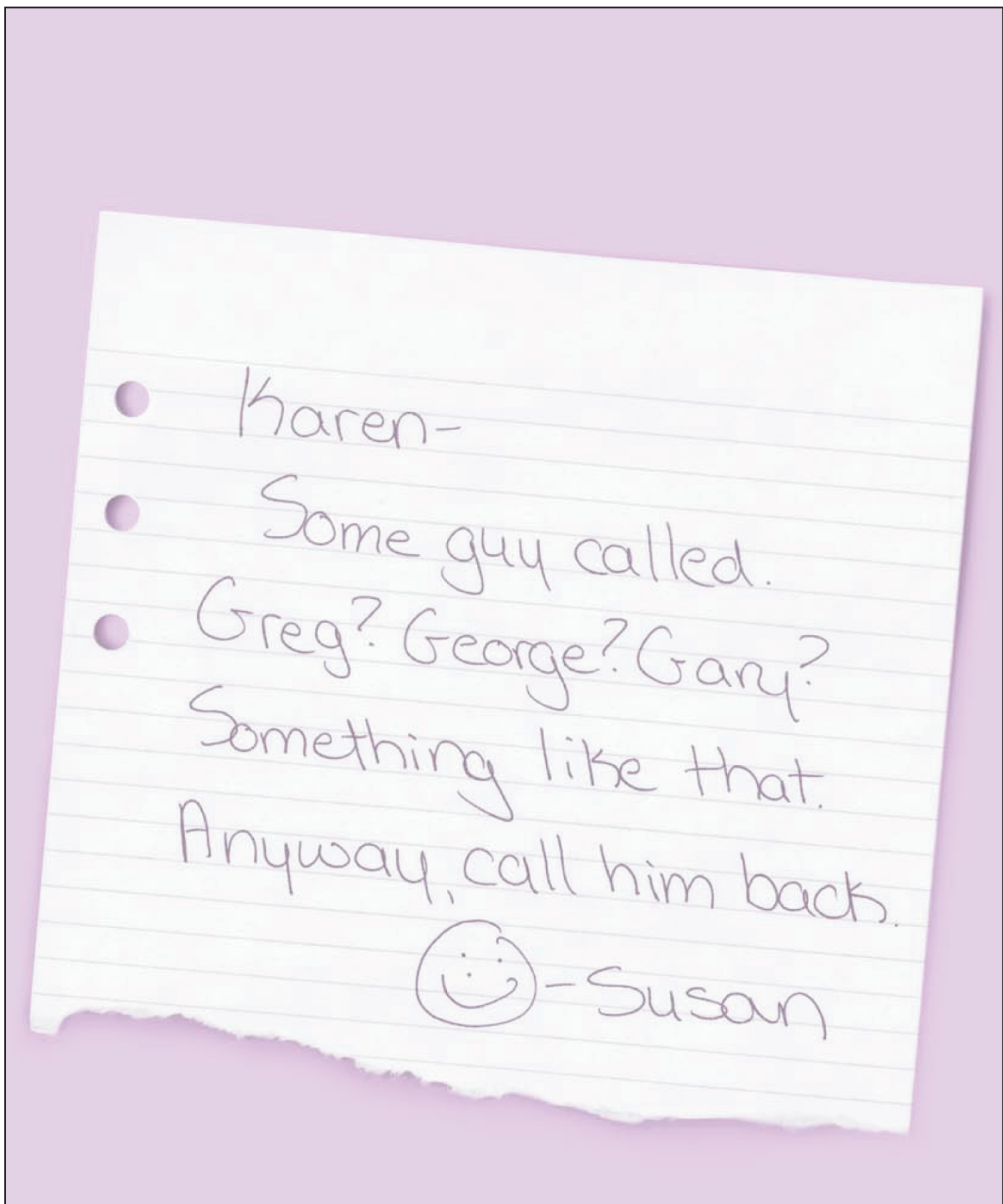

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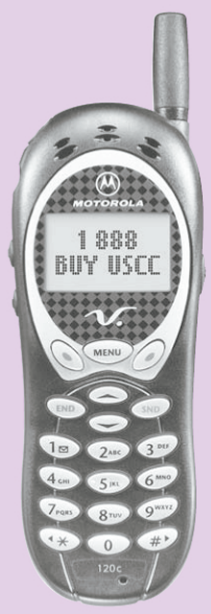

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Sophomore midfielder Lucas Silva wards off a UI defender in the Sept. 13 game.

BY ERIC SCOTT
Staff Writer

Men's soccer rolls forward this year with a match-up Friday against Central Arkansas.

The Lions are 1-2-1 this year with a victory against St. Joseph's and a tie with the University of Indianapolis.

The Sept. 13 game against Indianapolis started off with a goal by Missouri Southern at 39:24 in the first half. UI then took the lead with two consecutive goals at 58:07 and 65:03 of the second half. Southern bounced back by scoring a goal at 89:58 in the second half as the Lions tied Indianapolis, 2-2.

"We showed a lot of heart by scoring a goal with two seconds left."

Geoff VanDeusen
Head soccer coach

"I thought we played great against Indianapolis," said Geoff VanDeusen, head coach. "We showed a lot of heart by scoring a goal with two seconds left. It was definitely a great game to watch as a spectator because both teams played excellent."

"We could have more wins in the column," VanDeusen said, "but I think we've improved every time we've stepped on the field."

VanDeusen said the reason for the improvement is the overall team effort and the standout play of freshmen Jacob Osborne, Patrick Hill and Zac Zalewski.

"They haven't played like freshmen," he said. "Our young players playing well is a big key to our success this season."

"We've been playing really great as of late," said Hill, defensive midfielder. "We've been playing very strong in the midfield, and we've been making effective passes."

VanDeusen said the team is still young and needs to be able to put the ball in the net in order to win the close games. Hill said the team needs to improve on its finishing abilities to be a success.

"Going into Friday's game, I think we're the underdog because we've never defeated Central Arkansas," VanDeusen said. "We need to be physical and stick to our game plan, and we need to stay close the whole game.

"The key to the season is execution. With our good talent, we need to continue to execute in high fashion and stay healthy."

Lady Lions prime for league title

BY ERIC SCOTT
Staff Writer

Lady Lions soccer continues its season with a game at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Central Missouri State University.

"We started off the season fantastic, and we're improving every game," said Geoff VanDeusen, head coach.

He said the Lady Lions have had great team play and received standout performances from Ashley Munnelly, Terressa Kusick and Alicia Givens.

Missouri Southern is 5-1 this year, with its only loss coming from the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

"In our game against Nebraska-Omaha, we came out very flat and we were intimidated," VanDeusen said. "I think we just need to remember we have great talent, and we can play at that level.

Southern bounced back by defeating the University of Missouri-Rolla Lady Miners, 8-2, on Sept. 18.

The Lady Lions started the game with a goal at 1:45 in the first half. UMR came back with two straight goals at 2:15 and 3:57 of the first half.

Goalkeeper Shannon Brosnahan stopped a penalty kick by the Lady Miners at 51:07 in the second half. Southern then proceeded to score six unanswered goals. The game was called at 86:58 in the second half.

"This game was a great way to come back from a loss," VanDeusen said.

"The turning point of the game was when Shannon Brosnahan stopped the penalty kick in the second half. From there, we took off."

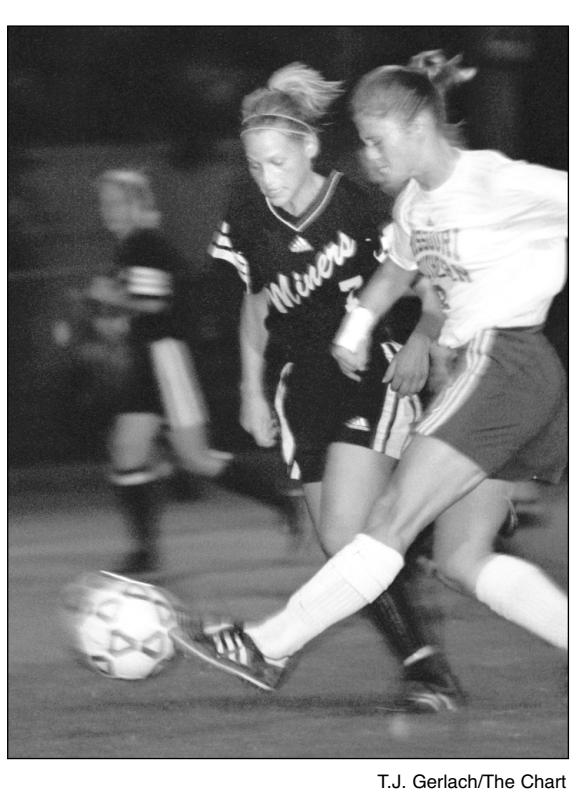
"We played really hard in the second half," said Becky Sloan, sophomore midfielder. "This was a big conference win."

He said the team which wins the league title could possibly have three or four conference losses.

He said the teams to beat in the conference this year are Truman State and Central Missouri State.

"Tuesday's game against CMSU is a huge game for us because they were picked to finish second in our conference," VanDeusen said. "We just need to focus on that game and play tough."

VanDeusen said with the way they've been playing, they have a good shot to win the conference championship.



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Freshman Terressa Kusick challenges a UMR player for the ball during the Sept. 18 game.

The Lady Lions congratulate each other after a scored point during the first match of Wednesday night's game against Pitt State at Leggett & Platt Gymnasium.
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Volleyball team makes use of new Libero system

BY KRISTEN SMITH
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Lady Lions volleyball continued its season on Sept. 18 at home as the women faced Southern rival Pittsburg State University.

The Lady Lions won the first two games, but fell behind as PSU won the third game. The fourth game remained close until Southern fell, 29-28, and PSU scored and tied the match. Southern pulled through in the end and won the fifth game 15-9, giving Southern a win of 3-2.

"When we got down, we pulled ourselves out of it and came together as a team," said Amy Little, senior. "We are proud of our win."

Little ended the match with 22 kills and 17 defensive digs.

The women face PSU again on Oct. 9 in Pittsburg.

"Our defense will be better," said Shannon Schultz, senior. "We will go in more focused."

The women anticipated a big crowd from PSU, but were not intimidated.

Cindy Fleming, a freshman playing for Southern this year, received good play time at the Sept. 18 match.

"Cindy came in when we needed her and produced well," Schultz said.

Little agreed and said Fleming had great serves and digs and played well.

Freshman Jeri Rinehart said the team has close relationships on and off the court.

"Whether it's hanging out or just caring about each other's lives outside of volleyball and school, it is beneficial to us as a team to help and comfort each other," Rinehart said. "That's something that is hard to find in teams."

A new rotation system called a Libero is being used in college volleyball. This system allows one player on the team to play during the entire game, except when serving. Schultz represents Southern in this position for the season.

Women's volleyball played its 11th game of the season Sept. 13 when the Lady Lions traveled to Kirksville to challenge Truman State University.

The women lost 3-0, which put the team at 5-6 for the season.

"Truman is a ball-control team," Schultz said. "They forced us to make the mistakes."

She said the team started off strong in the beginning of the match but couldn't finish in the end. The team is looking forward to playing Truman at home on Nov. 1.

"We are working hard to correct the mistakes, and it will be a much better game," Schultz said.

This weekend the team travels to Maryville to play Northwest Missouri State University and then on to St. Joseph to face Missouri Western.

Stadium needs new turf

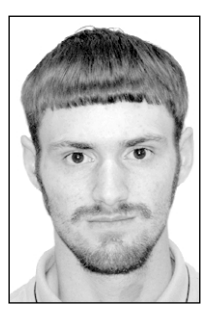
One more win for the Lions means we have a streak going.

Granted, two wins doesn't constitute a winning streak, but we'll take it none the less. The question is, will this be our last winning streak at Hughes Stadium? It could be if we don't get new turf soon.

That's right, it's that time of year again when the College starts looking to alumni and various area corporations to help fund the laying of new turf.

Our present turf is so old (this is the time that an audience would say "how old is it?") that its retirement plan gave up on it two years ago.

OK, I'm sorry, that was a bad joke. But it's true the turf is bad and it's getting pretty dangerous out on the existing turf — not only for the football team, but for the dance team and the marching band as well.



Philip Martin
Sports Editor

Maybe one of the reasons we don't have new turf is the budget cuts. Rumors were spreading a couple of years ago the stadium was to get new turf, but guess what happened?

The campus got hit with an audit and the new turf idea was put on the back burner, until now. Missouri Southern cannot and will not put up with this turf for another year. College President Julio León even said this is the last year for the current turf.

What is going to happen next year without new turf? Well, the Lions will play at Junge Stadium, the home of the Joplin Eagles.

Are we going to be forced to play on high school football fields? This is unacceptable. All the other colleges are going to look at us and laugh.

What do we do? Well, for starters, we don't pay a Division III team to come down here from Illinois and play us, that's for sure.

We could have used the money to help fund the laying of new turf.

It might not have been much, but it would at least be something to start off with.

Many of you are probably thinking maybe Southern is trying to be like Pitt State and put down new turf because it just did?

I would like to take this time and tell you the answer to that question: We cannot afford to play on our current turf; it doesn't matter if PSU has put down new turf or not!

I hope that helps you out. New turf will cost about $500,000. I, for one, do not want to see our team play on a high school field — even if it is a good field.

One thing I can guarantee is the turf we will be getting either next year or in a couple of years will look a whole heck of a lot nicer and it will actually react like real grass.

Which, for a football team, is extremely nice to have. If anything else, the College could put down regular grass and be like other institutions in the state of Missouri. If we put down grass, it could actually cost a whole lot more than artificial grass. León does not believe this is true, however.

I would have to agree with him.

How can grass cost more than fake grass? I mean grass is natural.

All we do is rip up our old turf, pour on about two gallons of Miracle Grow, and wait.

It might take a year or so, but that's how long we're expecting it to take to get new turf anyway.

So, if you are alumni or an area corporation and the College contacts you about donating, please say yes.

SOUTHERN SCORES

Lady Lions Volleyball

Sept. 13

MSSC	18 25 26
TSU	30 30 30

Sept. 18

MSSC	28 31 30 30 9
PSU	30 33 24 28 15

Lady Lions Soccer

Sept. 15
At Omaha

	1	2	Tot
MSSC	0	0–	0
UNO	3	0–	3

First half– 1,UNO, Kruse, 4:10. 2, UNO, Willrett, 7:31. 3, UNO, Kruse, 24:36.

Sept. 18
At Joplin

	1	2	Tot
MSSC	3	5–	8
UMR	2	0–	2

First half– 1, MSSC, Munnelly, 1:45. 2, UMR, Beissel, 2:15. 3, UMR, Wilkinson, 3:57. 4, MSSC, Munnelly, 14:58. 5, MSSC, Zook, 45:37.

Second half– 1, MSSC, Munnelly, 58:32. 2, MSSC, Griffin, 59:39. 3, MSSC, Noid, 74:43. 4, MSSC, Cammilletti, 75:53. 5, MSSC, Sloan, 86:58.

Lions Soccer

Sept. 13
At Joplin

	1	2	Ot	Ot2	Tot
MSSC	1	1	0	0–	2
UI	0	2	0	0–	2

First half– 1, MSSC, Silva, 39:24.

Second half– 1, UI, Kuprewics, 58:07. 2, UI, Carson, 65:03. 3, MSSC, Rumbos, 89:58.

Lions Football

Sept. 14
At NSU

	1	2	3	4	Tot
MSSC	0	21	17	0	38
NSU	0	0	0	7	7

First Quarter

Second Quarter

MSSC– Glover 33 run (Minard kick), 12:20. MSSC– Chapman 1 run (Minard kick), 02:59. MSSC– Mathes 24 pass from Chapman (Minard kick), 00:41.

Third Quarter

MSSC– Mathes 70 punt return (Minard kick), 13:52. MSSC– Minard 31 field goal, 11:28. MSSC– Mathes 20 pass from Chapman (Minard kick).

Fourth Quarter

NSU– Post 8 run (Ratliff kick), 04:51.

Upcoming events for MSSC Athletics

Football
Sept. 21
at
Hughes Stadium
6 p.m.
MSSC (2-0, 0-0 MIAA)
vs.
Southwest Baptist University
(1-1, 0-0 MIAA)

Cross Country
Sept. 21
at
MSSC
Sports World Southern
Stampede

Men's Soccer
Sept. 25
MSSC
at
Southwestern Oklahoma

Women's Soccer
Sept. 24
MSSC
at
Central Missouri

Volleyball
Sept. 20
MSSC
at
Northwest Missouri
Sept. 21
MSSC
at
Missouri Western

'Playing on Ice'

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The turf at Hughes Stadium was applied in 1988. Since then sand from within the turf has worked its way to the surface.

Team seeks funds for turf

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

When originally applied in 1988, the turf in Hughes Stadium was never expected to last this long.

Next season, the stadium will either have new turf or the Lions' football team will not play there.

College President Julio León said this is the last season for the team to play on the turf, and next year the team will play on a high school football field if the surface is not replaced.

"Whether we will have a new turf next year is questionable; it's as simple as that," León said.

"What might actually happen is that the College, for the next year or two or three, will find itself playing on football fields at high schools."

He said Joplin High School has expressed an interest in Southern playing at Junge Stadium.

The College has asked for contributions from some of its football alumni.

"The one thing people need to realize is that Missouri Southern's turf problem is not their problem," said Bill Cooke, head football coach.

"Just because we need new turf why should it become James Thrash or Rod Smith's problem? Just like my daughter, her battery was dead yesterday, is that my problem or her problem? It's her problem."

After contacting Smith, who just signed an $11.2 million professional football contract, Cooke said Smith was not able to contribute to the cause at this time. Thrash, who was also contacted, has not yet responded to Southern's inquiries. Cooke said Smith and Thrash may contribute later, but can't right now.

"Everybody has other obligations," Cooke said.

León said the new turf will not come out of the College's budget, but the College will be asking "friends and alumni of the College."

He said the College may contact companies in the area like Leggett & Platt. Sallie Beard, athletic director, said the contacts for area companies "are in the works now."

One of the concerns with the existing turf is player safety.

Cooke said the sand from the field "wears the hide right off of their skin," leaving them permanently scarred.

Beard said some teams who said they have safety concerns, never wanted to play here.

"Our opponents really don't have a choice," Cooke said.

The existing turf is not in production anymore and is not able to be updated. One thing the College does is blow the sand off the field once a week. The turf is Omni by Balsam.

One brand of turf Southern is looking at is made by Mondo.

This is the same type of turf, but instead of sand, it contains machine-ground rubber.

"It's much softer; it feels and acts like regular grass," Cooke said. "There are several companies on the market right now that can provide this."

He said playing on the present turf is like "playing on ice."

The field has passed testing to certify it as a safe playing environment. Beard said tests have not been completed, and that David Couey, who travels across the country testing turfs, will return a second time and run more tests.

If the field does not pass the second set of tests, Southern will stop using the facilities that day and have to find an alternative field.

Student trainers mend injured athletes

BY TRACY HAMILTON
Staff Writer

Seeing nearly 80 student athletes with a staff of 19 is a daily routine in the training room at Missouri Southern.

With 10 student-athlete trainers, four graduate assistants, one head trainer, one assistant trainer, and one physical therapist, the training room faces daily decision-making with each athlete, whether it involves wrapping an ankle or giving a prognosis. Most student athletes perform more hands-on duties, such as taping, icing, assisting with rehabilitation methods, evaluations, treatments, stemming and observing the athlete's progress. Being able to work so closely with the athletes is a difficult task, but good for the overall experience.

"Everyone in the training room is really dedicated to what they do and I have really enjoyed it so far," said Seth Kirk, freshman secondary education and biology major.

The four graduate assistants, Rachel Courtney, Holly Kastle, Bryon Ramos and Matt Rowlett, are finishing their master's degrees while doing an internship through Southern. Graduate assistants are assigned to a particular team, but while in the actual training room, are not limited to that team. Courtney works with women's soccer; Kastle, women's volleyball; Ramos, football; and Rowlett, men's soccer. One major difference between working as a student trainer versus working as a graduate assistant involves the decision-making rather than merely hands-on work.

"As a GA, I perform much more decision-making rather than physical labor," said Rowlett, a graduate assistant of two years at Southern. "Its much more responsibility."

Marty Conklin, head trainer, and Darin Moore, assistant head trainer, are also an asset to the training room. Conklin has been a part of the training room for 14 years, and Moore is in his second year at Southern. They oversee the entire staff, but are not classified as doctors. They are limited to giving what is called a prognosis. A prognosis states what has occurred regarding an injury, but is not the final word.

For example, if an athlete breaks a leg, the training room staff can tell the athlete the leg is broken, but the athlete must go to the hospital for the doctor's diagnosis. The training room assesses the injury, but does not state whether or not it is definitely an injury.

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Jami Berry of the trainers program wraps a protective pad on Blake Martin, sophomore undecided major, before practice.

Another huge asset for the training room is former Southern athlete and current physical therapist, Neely Burkhart. She works for Freeman Health System and comes to the training room three times a week to help with approximately five athletes.

She helps athletes who have had surgery within this past year with their rehabilitation. One strong point for Burkhart is she used to be a student, athlete and trainer at Southern, giving her a strong appreciation for the College.

Southern wants revenge for loss

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

Heading into the MIAA conference opener, the Missouri Southern Lions are now undefeated, with a record of 2-0.

After last year's 41-39 loss to Southwest Baptist, the Lions are now prepared for this season's game.

"It's payback time for us with SBU," said Bill Cooke, head football coach. "They shocked us a year ago."

In 2001, the Bearcats were more in sync with each other than the Lions. The Bearcats surprised the Lions with their speed.

This year, the Lions have a whole new game plan against SBU.

Cooke said the defense is going to strip the ball from the other team and try not to get beat deep.

The team will be playing its defense more solidly, using the nickel-and-dime positions to attack the opponent's offense.

"They have this kid named Whitley, he's a little bitty kid," Cooke said. "His feet don't touch the ground when he runs."

He said with Whitley, the defense needs to make sure it doesn't create a hole for him to run through, because Whitley will pass every defensive player. Cooke said SBU has become more of a running team. He said the Bearcats give the illusion they run more than pass.

After SBU's win over Kentucky Wesleyan, it has prepared for running and passing. Cooke said if Southern gets a big win Saturday, it will send a message to the MIAA that "will really wake some people up." He said within the MIAA, there are four teams in the top 25 AFCA Division II poll. These teams include: Central Missouri, 14th; Missouri Western, 22nd; Northwest Missouri, 7th; and Pittsburg State, 3rd.

"There aren't any pushovers any longer," Cooke said. "Used to be that you could count on SBU to be a pushover or Washburn or University of Missouri-Rolla.

Everybody has raised their level of expectancy. If you want to compete, you have to turn the heat up on your program and do a better job recruiting."

Cooke said this year's game against SBU will be a "shootout." Rob Green, assistant head coach, said the Bearcats run a "stunning defense."

"What they try to do is to disrupt you offensively," Green said.

"They did the same thing last year."

Green said this year the Lions are better than a year ago.

He said SBU and NSU are similar in talent, and this game will be similar to the NSU game.

Steven Trotter, senior free safety, said SBU has "a good receiver core," and that the Lions are going to try and "not give up any big plays."

Trotter said with the Bearcats' ability to both run the ball and pass, the defense doesn't know what to expect.

It therefore must prepare for different plays the Bearcats might pull.

Josh Chapman, senior quarterback, said the next two home games are critical because the team would like to go into the game against PSU with a 4-0 record.

"When the smoke clears, you'll see that the better team will win," Cooke said.